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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 52, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The convex portions 133 and 133 protrude on the sides of the step portions 3d and 3d of both the shaft portions 3b and 3c of the worm 3 at portions inside the outer circumferential portions of the belleville coil springs 123 and 123, in other words, protrude on the sides of the step portions 3d and 3d inside the outer circumferential portions of the belleville coil springs 123 and 123 around the entire outer circumferences of the shaft portions 3b and 3c between the inner rings 7a and 8a and both the step portions 3d and 3d, respectively, so as to be integrated with the shaft portions 3b and 3c, respectively. In addition, the convex portions 133 and 133 are formed so as to be larger in diameter than the shaft portions 3b and 3c, but the diameters thereof are made smaller than the inside diameters of the coil springs 123 and 123. Hence, as the worm 3 moves in the axial direction, the convex portion 133 on the side of the one shaft portion 3b makes contact with the side face of the inner ring 7a of the roller bearing 7 on the side of the gear body 3a, or the convex portion 133 on the side of the other shaft portion 3c makes contact with the side face of the inner ring 8a of the roller bearing 8 on the side of the gear body 3a, thereby limiting the deflection amounts of the coil springs 123 and 123. --